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As Attorney General, I've made fighting domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking and human trafficking a priority. We've worked hard to enact tougher laws for abusers who commit these crimes and we've also worked to protect the rights of victims.

As part of these efforts, we created the Address Confidentiality Program (ACP) to help victims who've moved away from their abuser keep their address confidential. Even after they've taken the initial steps to escape a dangerous situation, many survivors of abuse continue to live in fear.

The ACP is an important way to protect survivors and the families, and give them the peace of mind they need to move on with their lives.

Together, our efforts to protect victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking and human trafficking will make North Carolina safer for all of us.

North Carolina's Address Confidentiality Program (ACP)

9099 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, NC 27699-9099

919.716.6785
acp@ncdoj.gov

**Providing victims of
domestic violence,
sexual assault
stalking or
human trafficking
a way to keep their
residential
addresses
confidential.**

**If you or someone
you know are a**

VICTIM

**of
Domestic
Violence
Sexual Assault,
Stalking or
Human Trafficking
and need to conceal
your address . . .**

We can help.

**North Carolina
Attorney General's Office
Address Confidentiality Program**

IF YOU ARE:

***a victim of domestic violence,
sexual assault, stalking or
human trafficking and***

***you live in a location unknown
to your abuser or stalker, and***

***you are concerned for the safety
of yourself and your family . .***

***you may be eligible to
participate in
North Carolina's***

**ADDRESS
CONFIDENTIALITY
PROGRAM
(ACP)**

An ACP participant is provided with a substitute address and a mail-forwarding service.

The substitute address is the address of public record which can be used for state and local government services, such as obtaining a North Carolina driver's license.

The mail forwarding service receives mail at the substitute address then forwards it to the program participant's designated mailing address.

ACP keeps the program participant's information confidential. There are no fees for applying or participating in the ACP.

**WHAT THE ACP CAN DO
FOR VICTIMS:**

- ❖ Provide an additional layer of protection to increase overall safety.
- ❖ Provide a confidential address service to victims and their families regardless of where they live in North Carolina or how many times they move within the state.
- ❖ Provide a cost-free mail forwarding service.
- ❖ Provide an ACP Authorization Card that can be presented when an address is required.

THE ACP CANNOT:

- ❖ Keep the address of a victim who owns real property (house or land) in her/his name out of the public records.
- ❖ Require that private companies accept the ACP substitute address.
Note: Many private companies do accept the substitute address although they are not required to do so by law.
- ❖ Provide legal advice or counseling services.
- ❖ Help a victim get a new name or social security number.
- ❖ Be a victim's only safety plan. The ACP is only one part of a participant's overall safety strategy.

The ACP is a free program administered by the North Carolina Attorney General's Office.

IT'S EASY TO APPLY

- Contact the ACP at **919-716-6785** or **acp@ncjoj.gov** to obtain the name of a Domestic Violence/ Sexual Assault Program near you.
- Go to the program and meet with an ACP Application Assistant.
- Develop an overall safety plan.
- Discuss ACP guidelines and complete an application.
- Submit your application to the ACP for approval.
- Receive an ACP authorization card and begin using your substitute address for all public records.